

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A packaging system comprising:
a packaging carton; and
~~shock-absorbing material for packaging; said material comprising:~~
a single pad formed of shock absorbing material; and
wherein a hole for deaeration ~~which~~ is formed so as to penetrate ~~between-through~~ a first surface of the single pad, which is brought into contact with an inner surface of a said packaging carton when said ~~shock-absorbing material~~ single pad is placed in said packaging carton, and
wherein said hole for deaeration is also formed so as to penetrate through a second surface of the single pad on which a product to be packed is placed via a thin film member.

2. (currently amended) The ~~shock-absorbing material for packaging~~ system according to Claim 1, further comprising a deaerating-duct insertion opening which is formed so as to penetrate ~~between-through~~ the first and second surfaces, and into which a deaerating duct can be inserted.

3. (currently amended) The ~~shock-absorbing material for packaging~~ system according to Claim 2, further comprising grooves for deaeration which are formed in at least one

of the first and second surfaces, and which ~~provide communication between~~contact both the deaerating-duct insertion opening and the hole for deaeration.

4. (currently amended) The ~~shock absorbing material for packaging system~~ according to Claim 2, wherein the hole for deaeration is formed on a side of a dented portion provided in the second surface, the dented portion for placement of the product.

5. (withdrawn) A deaeration packaging method comprising:
a shock absorbing material placing step of placing a shock absorbing material for packaging according to Claim 1 in a packaging carton;
a thin film member loading step of loading a thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed onto said absorbing material for packaging and into said packing carton;
an evacuating step of evacuating air between the thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed and the shock absorbing material for packaging via a hole for deaeration, and adhering the thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed to both the shock absorbing material for packaging and the packing carton by inserting a deaerating duct into a deaerating-duct insertion opening of said shock absorbing material for packaging, and sucking out the air;
and
a target-to-be-packaged placing step of placing a target to be packaged on said shock absorbing material for packaging to which the thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed is adhered and loaded.

6. (withdrawn) A deaeration packaging method comprising:

a shock absorbing material placing step of placing a shock absorbing material for packaging according to Claim 1 in a packaging carton;

a thin film member loading step of loading a thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed onto said absorbing material for packaging and into said packaging carton;

an evacuating step of evacuating air between the thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed and the shock absorbing material for packaging via a hole for deaeration of said shock absorbing material for packaging, and adhering the thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed to both the shock absorbing material for packaging and the packaging carton by inserting a deaerating nozzle from a back surface of said packing carton into the hole for deaeration, and sucking out the air; and

a target-to-be-packaged placing step of placing a target to be packaged on said shock absorbing material for packaging to which the thin film member for packaging which is thinly formed is adhered and loaded.

7. (currently amended): The ~~shock absorbing material for packaging~~ system according to claim 1, further comprising at least one dented portion in the second surface, the dented portion for placement of the product therein,

wherein at least two holes for deaeration are formed in the dented portion.

8. (currently amended): The ~~shock absorbing material for packaging~~ system according to claim 1, wherein the hole is enclosed within the shock absorbing material.

9. (currently amended): The ~~shock absorbing material for packaging~~ system according to claim 1, wherein the hole is fully enclosed by the shock absorbing material around the perimeter of the hole.